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Device Thereon

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Rejection dated April 26, 2002.

Remarks

Claims 1 to 25 remain in this application.

The allowance of claims 5 to 25 is acknowledged.

Reconsideration of the Final Rejection of claims 1 to 4 as being unpatentable over Reach in view of Seisaku is requested.

It is respectfully noted that applicant is not attacking the references individually. Instead, applicant is attacking the proposed combination of the references.

It is clear that the combined disclosures of Reach and Seisaku would not suggest to one of ordinary skill in the art that a structure as recited in claim 1 would result.

For example, Reach teaches and suggests that the club head of a putter may be provided with a sighting line that extends from the toe to the top of the hosel. There is

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